

For the Saturday Gazette.

SUMMER WATERING PLACES.

"ON THE BEACH AT LONG-BRANCH."

I've had my day at Long Branch. Promenaded the grand piazza; strolled and been stared at; rambled along the beach; tumbled in the sun to my heart's content; eaten a big dinner, in a big hotel, at a big table, in a big dining-room, with would-be big people; and, lastly, sentimental friend, listened to what the "sad sea waves" had to say. Please sit back again in just here as I wish to say something presently on this little matter.

Of course, the first thing in order is to make for the surf and wade with the mighty deep. And if there is anything in this world more calculated to take the edge of conceit from a man's self-estimate, and to send him home in a mood to humbly spell and meekly pronounce the name on his door-plate, than this careless knocking about of his mighty self by the indifferent waves, I and lots of others, I know, would like to be furnished with the memory of that self-same.

But I must tell—among those who "came down to the sea," was a gentleman, elaborately got up, and treading the sands with mien and gait of awful might. Having cast a contemptuous frown upon the sycophantic waters which would fain have kissed his feet, he retired to a shanty, and shortly emerged arrayed in bloomer costume and ponderously entered the applau-ning waves, splashing them to right and left.

The comforting element having warmed him, "in arms" to compassion, he slowly cast a patronizing look on land and sea, and we common folk about him would have been duly elated at the propitious change, and disposed in happy abandon while the king smiled, had not our prying court been lifted high in air, and left sprawling on the sands. His majesty's royal head was wedged to mother earth, and an incoming wave raised his nether parts to a fearful angle, till his legs played like the filaments of a sige, and for a moment, he was the veritable connecting link between the cryptogamia and the mammalia. Hastily gathering the remnants of his shattered dignity, he stalked through his now up-rightly disloyal subjects to his clasp-board palace. I bribed a lusty youngster to sing out to departing greatness—"I say, Gov'nor, what's yer opinion o' them sea waves?" But he "cocked his nose up" and majestically disappeared.

Weary with laughing and tumbling, I donned my normal garb, and finding a quiet spot, composed myself to give audience to the "sad sea waves," and know whereof they spoke. Well, friend, I listened, and listened, and listened, and to be frank and shove nonsense to the wall, they just said "nothin' at all at all." And the next time your favorite poet tells you that they so sweetly say, just tell him or her, on my authority, that the sea's lament is not so articulate that human ear and hand can paraphrase it in numbers pre-gramed with its innocent soul's confession.

But to the hotel! The Duke of Hoboken awaits us!

Oh that was a good dinner! And now we will light a cigar and stalk the piazza, and take to ourselves the airs of a regular *habitus*. For we must crowd into these few hours all that there is of Long-Branch, and be competent to talk knowingly of when we "messaged" there, if we should happen in strange company. And here I must remark that we are not the only ones of vulgar presumption; a close scrutiny reveals the fact that, with few exec pitions the promenaders find it a sore task to play the water dog with anything like an approach to success. It is too apparent that their lives have been cast in these pleasant places of a sudden, a glittering tangent from the obscure pathway of their questionable pedigree. There's no use, neighbor, these idle tricks, unless to the manna born, your role of host is but a burlesque.

The trouble with these honest folk of sudden advance to the high water mark of presumptive social intercourse is, that they feverishly commit by rote the creed of their new condition, and ever after act too strictly according to its letter. It will take some generations yet to so transfigure that its objectionable features will become a myth.

Well, it is time we turn our faces homewards. A pleasant sail up the bay; a glad feeling that we are at home; a few questions from curious friends; and Long Branch takes its place in the gallery of recollection.

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PROFITABLE POPULARITY.

Then, too, he brings distinguished people from all parts of the country, and thus exhibited to the citizens of Newark and vicinity, President Grant, the member of his Cabinet, and heroes of the late war, of whom the greatest managerial was General Sherman. He was there last Fall, and both buildings were so crowded upon the night of his visit, that the old hero could scarcely find his way through the throng. The General was so pleased with a remarkable cordiality of his reception, that he tendered his services at any other time his presence could be useful to his friend, Mr. Halsey. It is therefore probable that his offer will be accepted for this season, and that President Grant who has been there twice before and enjoyed himself exceedingly, will also be exhibited; but for novelties, Mr. Halsey will have only a small list to select from. I believe he has only Generals Sheridan, Custer and Hancock, unless he can get the tribe of Wari Spring Indians or a few Sioux from the Black Hills. The building this season exhibits an unusually fine display of manufactured goods, and the musical attraction was inaugurated on the opening night with a delightful Concert by Dr. Whiting's Ninth Regiment band, and undoubtedly the best in New York. There seems to be no lack of energy on the part of the management; and the exhibition this year will at least equal if not, indeed, surpass its predecessors.

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